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VIOLA & MARCUS)
SUBJECT: GDR HUMANTARIAN CASE: PETRA DAGMAR, VIOLA AND MARCUS
BAUROTH.

REF: SEOUL 3333, BERLIN 5339

1. EMBASSY IS COMMUNICATION WITH PETRA DAGMAR BAUROTH AND
ASKING FOR DETAILS OF HER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES (WHICH
SHOULD PRESUMABLY INCLUDE DETAILS OF GDR OFFER OF EXIT VISA TO HER
ONLY), PRIOR TO DETERMING IF CASE SHOULD BE RAISED AGAIN,
WITH MFA. (FYI CASE WAS RAISED WITH CONSULAR DEPT. MFA ON
APRIL 25 BY INCLUSION IN APRIL 1977 " NON PAPERS" ON FAMILY
REUNFICATION CASES). WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM MS. MAUROTH
RECENTLY.

2. WE NOTE THAT, IN MS. BAUROTH'S DIVORCE DECREE, ISSUED
BY A GOTHA, GDR COURT IN JULY 1976, SHE WAS AWARDED CUSTODY
OF THE CHILDREN, VIOLA AND MARCUS. IF SUCH A VISA OFFER
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WAS, IN FACT, MADE, WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY RAISE THE
MATTER WITH THE MFA AS IT WOULD INVOLVE NOT ONLY A
PERPETUATION OF FAMILY DIVISION IN THIS CASE, BUT
ALSO, APPARENTLY, BE AN ATTEMPT TO FRUSTRATE THE
DECISION OF A GDR ORGAN ON THE LEGAL APPROVED STATUS
OF THIS FAMILY UNIT.

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3. COMMENT. FOR DEPARTMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT THE GDR WOULD SEEK TO SEPARATE MOTHER AND CHILDREN IN THIS CASE, WE SPECULATE THAT, IF SUCH AN OFFER WAS MADE, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN INITIATIVE BY A LOCAL OFFICIAL. WE NOTE THE IMMINENCE OF THE BELGRADE CSCE IMPLEMENTATION CONFERENCE, THE UPROAR RAISED WHEN SUCH FAMILY SPEARATION PRACTICES WERE EMPLOYED IN SEVERAL CASES INVOLVING GDR CITIZENS WHO FLED ILLEGALLY TO THE FRG(QUITE A DIFFERENT PROCEDURE THAN THE LEGAL PROCESSING MS. BUAROTH HAS REQUESTED), AND THE RECENT SPATE OF SOLVED US-INTEREST HUMANTARIAN CASES. WE ARE DOUBTFUL IF THE GDR AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A FAMILY-SPLITTING PROBE IF, AFTER ITS CONFIRMATION, WE RAISE THE MATTER VIGOROUSLY IN BOTH BERLIN AND WASHINGTON.

4. FOR SEOUL: YOU MAY SUMMARIZE SUBSTANCE OF PRE-VIOUS PARAS. FOR CHATMAN, TELLING HIM THAT THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE GDR AS LONG AS NEEDED TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE RESOLUTION. WE ESTIMATE THAT 1977 WITH THE BELGRADE CONFERENCES IS A GOOD TIME TO PRESS ON THESE CASES AND WE WILL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSIST IN THIS CASE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS POSED IN LAST SENTENCE , PARA 3 OF BERLIN 5339.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS ASAP.
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